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Shaun

Here is a short report out from yesterday's regional haze hearing in Cheyenne.

The afternoon session was well attended with about 45 to 50 in the audience. We had 15 commenters.

In our opening remarks we noted the two additional hearings and the extended comment period.

We also let the attendees know that the transcript of the hearings will be available soon and will be posted to our docket.

Based on my notes, here is a general summary of the type of comments:

Sean Reese with the Gov's office was the first to speak and provided general sharp criticisms of EPA's proposal and the public input process.

- State discretion to develop a plan under the Clean Air Act was ignored by EPA, even though WY followed EPA guidelines
- CD deadline is driving EPA to have a hurried process
- Small business impacts ignored in EPA's impact analysis (proposal doesn't calculate the full costs)

- Wildfires have a much bigger impact on haze than any controls on power plants

Todd Parfitt and WY DEQ staff provided comments that continued on the critical theme of the Gov's rep, providing more details.

Owners and customers of Laramie River and PacifiCorp provided comments that were uniformly critical of EPA's proposal, stating that it ignored the hard work and considered approach the DEQ had come up with in their plan and that EPA was overreaching with the proposal for very little visibility improvement and very large cost.

All of the above stated that they had not had time to develop more thorough comments and that they would be providing more input at the future hearing and in writing.

Power River Basin Resource Council commented that they supported EPA's plan

A couple of private citizens commented that they support efforts to reduce haze and one pointed out concern with wildfires and the connection to climate change.

During a break, I answered general questions on regional haze from Sen Barrasso' staff (Kristi Wallin).

The evening session had only one commenter, a rep of Sweetwater County.

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